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EASLEY SAYS STATE AGENCIES CAN SAVE MILLIONS WITH BUDGET FLEXIBILITY
Governor Calls On Legislature To Amend Executive Budget Act

RALEIGH – Governor Mike Easley today urged legislators to give State agencies additional flexibility to manage their budgets, a step that Easley says will save taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

“In tough budget times, it is important that we get creative and look for every way possible to make state government operate more effectively and efficiently,” Easley said. “State agencies can save taxpayers millions of dollars and provide better service with more flexibility to manage their budgets.”

Easley made the proposal during a morning meeting with the State’s top financial advisors and legislative leaders, including House Speaker Jim Black and Senate President Marc Basnight. Easley said State agencies can find more savings if they are not handcuffed by line-item restrictions.

Easley’s administration has already cut more than \$1 billion from the budget he inherited in January, including resources that were used to help plug an \$850 million shortfall.

Easley has called on legislators to pass a new budget that makes investments in education and addresses the need for more revenue without jeopardizing services to the state’s most vulnerable citizens. He has also called for tax relief for working families, including a repeal of the marriage penalty.

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